Steps to Traffic Education Approval & Endorsement

Endorsement is granted when teacher has earned at least 20 credits in traffic education and safety. **Until endorsement is earned, a teacher can receive approval to teach traffic education for 5 years if they:**

- 1. have a current Montana educator license
- 2. have an acceptable driving record
- 3. have earned at least 8 traffic education credits from MSU-Northern

The **TE05 Approval to Teach Traffic Education in Montana** application must be submitted to OPI the year the approval expires (usually the same year the educator's license needs to be renewed). At least 4 credits must be earned during each 5-year renewal period.

When 20 credits have been completed toward the TE minor, the teacher will receive a Traffic Education Endorsement from

OPI and will no longer need to earn college credit. TE teachers DO have to reapply every 5 years, keep their educator license renewed, and maintain an acceptable driving record

to be approved to teach traffic education in the State of Montana.

8 Credits
Traffic
Education
course work =
INITIAL
APPROVAL

+ 4 Credits
Traffic Ed
course work =
APPROVAL

+ 4 Credits
Traffic Ed
course work =
APPROVAL

+ 4 = 20 Credits
Traffic Ed
course work =
ENDORSEMENT

TE 99 Endorsement must be approved every five years (usually when MT educator license is renewed; no additional traffic education credits are required).

Educator's License |

5 years

5 years

5 years +



See also: *FAQs about Teaching Traffic Education in Montana* http://www.opi.mt.us/Programs/DriverEd

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